



**Public Health Pediatrics**

September 8, 2017

Re: Harper Wyatt DOB 9/9/2015

Department of Family and Protective Services  
Texas Child Protective Services

To Whom It May Concern:

After a successful separation test from Sept 6-8, 2017, Harper Wyatt is a diagnosed victim of medical child abuse.

To review, **Medical Child Abuse** occurs when caregivers fabricate, exaggerate, or induce illness in a child. The harm to the child occurs with unnecessary medical care, all of which is recommended by practitioners based on false information from the abusive caretaker(s).

A separation test was initiated September 6, 2017 in order to determine if any of the medical problems Ms. James has attributed to Harper are real:

Harper does not need respiratory support.

Mechanical support has been weaned.

Harper does not have diabetes insipidus.

Control medication stopped.

Harper does not have reactive airways.

Control medication wean well tolerated, other medications stopped.

Harper does not have seizures.

Control medication wean well tolerated, wean will end 9/12/17.

**Only one true medical condition that requires therapy has been verified.** Harper has language delay, both expressive and receptive. The source of this problem is likely multifactorial, owing at a minimum to Harper's premature birth and Ms James' maltreatment of Harper.

**A trial separation has diagnosed Harper as a victim of her mother's abusive parenting. I recommend that Harper remain separated from her mother for Harper's own safety.** It is in Harper's best interest to be placed in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment, provided by a caretaker who does not chronically misrepresent and falsify Harper's state of health and well-being, where this little girl will have an opportunity to truly flourish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcella Donaruma".

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